

REMARKS

The present Amendment is being submitted in light of the notice of drawing inconsistency mailed August 01, 2006. The issue fee has not been paid and will be submitted separately. Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

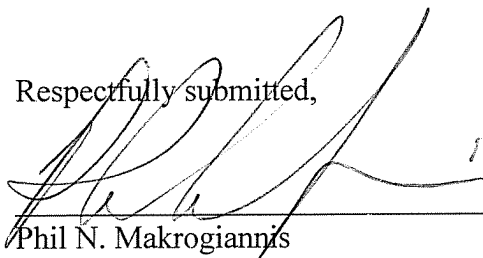
The purpose of this Amendment is an omission in the brief description of the drawings in the specification. The description of these figures can be found at paragraph [0066]. No new matter is added.

Fee Authorization

Should any extension of time and/or fee be necessary for timely submission of this paper, such extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **Deposit Account No. 01-2213 (order no. 5101)**. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account.

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Respectfully submitted,



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